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October 2, 2006

Robert Kowal  
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Dear Robert,

Reverend Ted F. Tumicki has informed me that you have been in contact with him seeking information regarding the status of your complaint pursuant to our meeting of April 8, 2005, and regarding your request for possible financial assistance with counseling.

After receiving this information, I looked again into what happened with your initial complaint. In February or March of 2004 you reported the allegation to the Diocese. Following policy, the allegation was investigated by Deacon Al Fecteau, an investigator for the Diocese. In compliance with state law, the allegation was also reported to the Department of Children and Families. In June 2004 you called again seeking information regarding the person against whom you had reported the allegation.

On July 20, 2004, the case was brought before the Diocesan Review Board. They were informed of the facts, including information you had supplied that your teacher at the time of the alleged incident, Sister Saraphia, had touched you inappropriately. In keeping with diocesan policy, the religious order to which she belonged was informed about your allegation. The Board was also informed that, according to the religious order, this woman is no longer a religious sister and that her whereabouts is presently unknown. It is even possible that she may no longer be living.

I have been informed that you have contacted the Diocese regarding additional information you have. I have referred this matter to the religious community that Sister Saraphia belonged to. This order is the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 1428 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, Connecticut 06468-1400. Their telephone number is 203-268-7646. This religious order is the order that supervised Sister and would ultimately have been responsible for any of Sister's actions. I encourage you to contact them. Perhaps they can assist you in finding additional information and with financial assistance for counseling.

Please be assured that you remain in my prayers. It is my sincere hope that you find comfort, healing, and resolution to your experiences.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D.  
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November 6, 2006

Robert Kowal  
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Dear Robert,

I am writing in regard to your recent letter, which was postmarked October 10, 2006, and which I received shortly thereafter.

In my letter of October 2, 2006, I encouraged you to contact the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. This was the religious order that Sister Saraphia belong to. Because she was a religious sister with this order, they were the people responsible for assigning her, and they were the people responsible for supervising her. I encourage you again to contact them, not only in regard to providing information but also in regard to any possible settlement that you seek. The sisters may be contacted at: Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 1428 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, Connecticut 06468-1400.

Please be assured that you remain in my prayers. It is my sincere hope that you find comfort, healing, and resolution to your experiences.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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# Diocese of Norwich

Office of Vicar for Clergy  
The Chancery  
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October 23, 2006

Mr. Robert Kowal  
180 Yantic Lane  
Norwich, CT 06360

Dear Mr. Kowal:

The Diocese of Norwich learned within the past few days that you have acquired additional information and/or witnesses regarding the complaint you first brought to our attention in March of 2004. As you know, Sister Serathia belonged to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, she left their community in 1989, and they do not know where she is at this time.

We made the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth aware that you contacted us regarding additional information pertaining to your complaint. They have requested that the Diocese of Norwich assist them in receiving and investigating this new information.

Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could forward a letter containing this new information to Deacon Al Fecteau at the address cited on this letter. Please include as much information as possible. We have asked Deacon Fecteau to investigate that information and provide its results to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. After receiving your letter with this information Deacon Fecteau will contact you if additional information is required. We will insure that you are contacted regarding the results of that investigation.

Your complaint was brought to the attention of the CT Department of Children and Families and the New London County State's Attorney's Office when you made it in 2004. Should your new information make it appropriate to do so, they will be contacted again.

You remain in our prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Richard P. LaRocque  
Vicar for Clergy

Cc: Bishop Michael R. Cote  
Deacon Al R. Fecteau